Steps taken to meet this demand in country, inter-alia, include opening of new mines, modernisation of existing mines, application of new technology, ensuring timely availability of inputs and infrastructural facilities, better capacity utilisation and maintaining good industrial relations.

Out of total plan outlay of Rs. 2260 crores for CIL, for 1995-96, gross budgetary support is Rs. 241 crores. No interest subsidy has been provided. In CIL, at present 17 major projects each costing Rs. 100 crores and more are under implementation. Adequate funds have been provided for implemnting these projects.

(d) A provision of Rs. 20.20 crores for Research and Development (R&D) activities made in the budget estimates for the year 1995-96. The R&D activities are taken up in identified thrust areas and benefits of these schemes are available for all coal and lignite producing areas including those in Rajasthan and Orissa.

Gaseous mines under Bharat Coal Limited

7599. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state: (a) the number of gaseous mines under Bharat Coal Limited;

(b) the number of labourers working in such mines;

(c) whether self-rescuer equipments have been provided to all these labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the cost of such equipments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) All underground coal mines in the country are treated as gassy and categorised by degree of gassiness as per Regulations 2(12A), 12(B) and 12(C) of Coal Mines Regulations, 1957. 80 underground mines of Bharat Coking coal Limited (BCCL) are categorised in Degree III, II & I of gassiness. Average daily attendance of workers in these underground mines is around 51,750.

(c) All underground workers of mines of degree III & II of gassiness and 25 per cent of workers of mines of degree I of gassiness of BCCL have been provided with Self-Rescuers.

(d) The cost of a filter type Self Rescuer is around Rs. 1500/-.

कोयला क्षेत्रों में माफिया की गतिविधियां

7600. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री मूल चन्द मीणा :

क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :—

(क) क्या कई कोयला क्षेत्रों में कोयला माफिया की गतिविधियां बढ़ रही हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने ऐसे कोयला क्षेत्रों का पता लगाया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) कोयला माफिया की गतिविधियां रोकने और इन क्षेत्रों में कोयले की चोरी रोकने के लिए क्या-क्या कदम उठाए गये हैं ;

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) कोयला कंपनियों के कार्य क्षेत्र के अंतर्गत आने वाले क्षेत्रों में कोयला माफिया के क्रियाकलापों में वृद्धि होने के संबंध में कोई लक्ष्य नोटिस में नहीं आया है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है ।

(घ) कोलियरियों के क्षेत्रों में कोयले की चोरी और कोयला माफिया क्रिया-कलापों को रोके जाने के लिए उठाए गए कदमों में, अन्य बातों के अलावा, निम्न कदम शामिल हैं :—

(1) कोयला कंपनियों की सुरक्षा कार्मिकों तथा केन्द्रीय औद्योगिक सुरक्षा बल (सी० आई०एस०एफ०) द्वारा गहन रूप में गश्त लगाया जाना ।

(2) राज्य/जिला प्राधिकारियों के साथ निकटतम सम्पर्क रखा जाना ।

(3) सी०आई०एस०एफ० तथा स्थानीय पुलिस द्वारा गैर कानूनी कोयले के डिपों पर छापे मारा जाना ।

(4) सुरक्षा कार्मिकों द्वारा अचानक जांच/छापे मारा जाना ।

(5) अपराधियों को पुलिस को सौंपा जाना तथा प्रथम सूचना रिपोर्ट दर्ज किया जाना ।

(6) आंसूचना से माध्यम से सूचना का संग्रहण किया जाना ।

Colliery Control Order, 1945

7601. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Colliery Control Order, 1945 has been reviewed during the last 50 years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the functions of the Coal Controller; and

(d) what would be the functions of the Coal Controller in the light of the liberalisation scheme and giving permission to foreign companies for exploration of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA):(a) and (b) Colliery Control Order 1945 and notifications issued thereunder are being reviewed and modified from time to time to suit the changing situations. Some of the recent notifications provide for making Coal Controller as the authority for distribution of coal, exempting coal sold under Liberalised Sales Scheme from some controls, and empowering the Government to exempt certain transactions from the provisions of the Colliery Control Order.

(c) Main functions of the Coal Controller are as follows :—

(i) to monitor the quality of coal;

(ii) to grant permission for opening and reopening of seams and mines;

(iii) to undertake distribution of coal;

(iv) to make recommendations for payment of subsidy towards stowing and protective works for conservation purposes; and

(v) to assess and sollest stowing excise duty.

(d) There is no proposal at present to modify the functions of the Coal Controller.

Large scale shortage of coal

7602. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is a large scale shortage of coal which was conveyed to Government by concerned authorities recently; and

(b) what artion has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) A Government Committee was appointed on 27-7-92 to look into the stock shortages in Bharat Coking Coal Limited. The Committee submitted its report on 24-12-92 reporting stock shortages upto 1991-92. Action has been initiated